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INDO UK TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to go for the expansion of Indo-UK trade;

(b) if so, the areas identified therefor;

(c) the items exported to and imported from UK during last three years; and

(d) the value thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): It is Government`s endeavour to expand bilateral trade relations with all its trading partners including UK.

(b): The Indo-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) has identified areas such as agriculture, infrastructure (including energy), services and knowledge-based industries for increased bilateral trade.

(c) &(d): The major items exported to UK from India include textiles and clothing, gems/jewellery, machinery/instruments, transport equipments, manufactures of metals, leather footwear drugs/pharmaceuticals/fine chemicals and electronic goods. The major items imported from UK include electric/electronic machinery, electronic goods, gold/silver, pearls, precious/semi precious stones, transport equipments and metalifers, ores and metal scraps.

The Indo-UK bilateral trade for the last three years are as under:

	US$ Million
Year	Indo-UK bilateral trade
2001-02	4717.91
2002-03	5251.22
2003-04	6209.24

(Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics)